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SUBJ: CIVAIR - MILITARY MAIL TO PARIS AND ROME

REF: STATE 9044

1. AS AUTHORIZED REFTTEL, EMBASSY SENT DTI WRITTEN REQUEST ON JAN. 17 FOR PERMISSION FOR US AIRLINES TO CARRY US MILITARY MAILS ON LONDON/PARIS AND LONDON/ROME SCHEDULED CARGO SERVICES. ON FEB. 5 WE RECEIVED FOLLOWING REPLY:

QUOTE. IN MY LETTER OF 24 JANUARY, I PROMISED THAT AFTER I HAD CONSULTED THOSE CONCERNED, I WOULD REVERT TO YOUR LETTER OF 17 JANUARY DEALING WITH THE CARRIAGE OF US ARMY MAIL BETWEEN LONDON ON THE ONE HAND AND PARIS AND ROME ON THE OTHER. I AM TOLD THAT BRITISH AIRWAYS ALREADY CARRY US MILITARY MAIL ON A NUBMER OF SECTORS IN EUROPE. THUS IT SEEMS THAT THERE CAN BE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO THE CARRIAGE OF US MILITARY MAIL ON BRITISH AIRWAYS SERVICES. THERE ARE OF COURSE ADEQUATE BRITISH AIRWAYS SERVICES BETWEEN LONDON AND PARIS AND ROME AND IT WOULD SEEM, THEREFORE, THAT US MILITARY MAIL COULD BE CARRIED QUITE ADEQUATELY ON THOSE SERVICES WITHOUT HAVING TO CONSIDER ANY SPECIAL PERMISSION ON BLINDED SERVICES OF US CARRIERS.

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BEFORE, THEREFORE, WE CAN GIVE THIS ANY FURTHER

CONSIDERATION I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMMENTS
ON THE POINTS AND SUGGESTIONS MADE ABOVE. END QUOTE.

2. INASMUCH AS REFTEL STATES THAT CLASSIFIED MILITARY
MAIL MUST, BY US LAW AND REGULATION, MOVE ON US
CARGO SERVICES, WE ASSUME US MILITARY MAIL REFERRED
TO IN DTI LETTER IS UNCLASSIFIED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
CLARIFICATION THIS POINT. IF DTI IS CORRECT AND
UNCLASSIFIED MILITARY MAIL ALREADY MOVES ON BRITISH
AIRWAYS SERVICES OVER SOME SECTORS, WE WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AS TO WHETHER, IF NECESSARY,
WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SETTLE FOR CARRIAGE OF
ONLY CLASSIFIED MAIL OVER BLINDED LONDON/PARIS AND
LONDON/ROME SECTORS. FURTHER GUIDANCE REQUESTED.

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